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Stuart Hall Alumna Embarks On Federal Agency Career

NORFOLK — One of Portsmouth's 1961 debutantes is leaving her native city to become a part of the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington in hopes of receiving an overseas assignment.

Miss Elizabeth Lasley Taylor, who has completed her work at Katharine Gibbs of Boston will embark on her newly chosen career on Sept. 10, when she reports for duty in Washington.

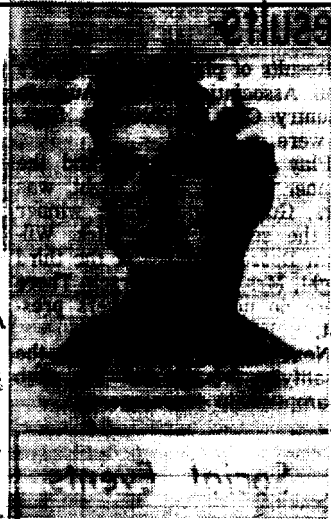
The period preceding her acceptance into the agency was defined by Miss Taylor as being "rigorous," the application itself consisted of a 24-page medical report and countless interviews and forms involved.

She will undergo a three-week training period before she actually assumes her duties in a secretarial capacity. Miss Taylor decided on the secretarial division because she finds "the business world exciting and working in a government capacity," she feels will make it even more diversified.

Her interest in an overseas assignment increased with her recent tour of Europe. She commented, "I found that the cities of Vienna and London left the greatest impressions with me; Vienna, because of its culture and London because of its people." Miss Taylor said she found Europeans quite friendly and helpful.

Her tour began when she sailed from Montreal, June 15, directly to Greenock, Scotland. She spent two weeks in the Scandinavian area. She also visited Italy, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, and England, where she toured London and boarded the ship for home from Liverpool. She arrived home Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Now her travel interests have switched to the Orient. "I would like a Japanese assignment with the CIA," the 20-year-old blonde stated. "The Orient has a romantic call and I want to visit the other side of the world."



MISS ELIZABETH L. TAYLOR

Excited about the future, Miss Taylor explains that if any young woman be interested in work with Central Intelligence, she should contact the area agent, arrange for an interview and begin her series of interviews and applications. The first one, she recalls, involves 800 questions with a choice of six answers for each.

"Everything is thorough and completed" in the CIA and the waiting period between application and acceptance is approximately four to five months, three months at a minimum.

Visits Parents

Miss Taylor, a graduate of Stuart Hall in Staunton, also attended Sullins College in Bristol before entering Katherine Gibbs in 1960.

Completing her European tour, she returned for a week's visit with her parents, Col. and Mrs. Wright Carnvey Taylor, Carnvey Farm, Churchland. Miss Taylor is the daughter of the former Margaret Lasley of Staunton, and a granddaughter of Mrs. Frank Andrew Lasley and the late Dr. Lasley of Staunton.

Now it's home for a week and then off to a career and an exciting future for the green-eyed miss who was just last Christmas a Portsmouth debutante.

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